

FBI/JFK - N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shea, re:80-0425

4/5/80

While your letter of 4/2 appears to suggest that if I want to preserve my rights I'd better go ahead and sue the FBI again, I prefer to believe that you do not intend this. I therefore respond immediately.

If my memory is not flawed I filed ^{three} ~~three~~ requests at the same time. And I appealed all failures to comply. The offices are Miami, Washington and New York. You refer to New York only.

You state that New York will now "determine whether any unreported records exist," which is fine. But my request is not limited to "unreported records." I also want those known to exist. Among these are those pertaining to "critics" of the official account of the assassination of President Kennedy and its official investigation. Historically these are important records. What the FBI did to interfere with ~~xx~~ this criticism also has historical importance. Whether or not the FBI tried to influence publication also is significant information. So are all records of the New York office that led to reporting to FBIHQ and to others. I have provided you with copies of records pertaining to the FBI's efforts relating to my first book in New York so you know that some such records do exist.

A review of files limited to "any unreported records" is certain to end in non-compliance. I therefore ask that this be clarified because your letter is not in terms of my request.

Of course if the FBI requires more time I have no objection to that. All it need do is ask.

But my request is for reported as well as unreported records, and so is my appeal. May I now hear from you about the records of the New York office that are known to exist? In this regard, based on the character of the processing to date, I want to emphasize again that in the processing the public domain is withheld.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg